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In the Specification

Please insert the following paragraph after the paragraph that begins on page 3, line 20:

In accordance with yet another aspect of the invention, an implantable prosthesis is provided including a tubular body structure including support elements separated by gaps; grooves disposed in said support elements; and a string strong enough to be circumferentially wrapped exclusively around the outer perimeter of said body structure of said implantable prostheses, said string being disposed in said grooves of at least some of said support elements such that said grooves act as guides for allowing said string to be circumferentially supported by said body structure, and wherein said string extends across said gaps between said support elements when circumferentially supported by said body structure.